



WOODBURY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Leader in Personalizing Education

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Dear Woodbury Families:

We hope this letter finds you well. Woodbury City Public Schools has been committed to the safe facilitation of reopening our schools. Towards this end, we are pleased to announce the next phase of our reopening plan. With vaccination participation increasing and the New Jersey Department of Health lowering the COVID-19 activity level in Gloucester County from high to moderate, **we are tentatively planning the option for students to have five days of in-person instruction beginning on Monday April 12, 2021** pending no additional outbreaks and Board approval).

This school year has provided challenges, and thanks to the efforts of our faculty, staff, and administration, we have managed to re-invent our educational program, while prioritizing the health of our community. Now, we are excited to make a new pivot to bringing our students back into our schools every day.

The next phase of our learning plan will be as follows:

- All schools will expand the in-person instructional schedule to a five day, single-session schedule
Elementary: 8:35am – 12:45pm WJSHS: 7:35am – 12:46pm
- Cohorts A, B, and C will now be collapsed to one cohort for 5-day instruction
- Instruction will remain synchronous for remote students and all families still the have the option to select our full virtual option for their children. (Cohort D)
- Afternoons will be dedicated for small group instruction as well as office hours for all elementary and secondary students. **Further details will be provided by the elementary and secondary team**
- To improve our efforts in providing a safe environment all classrooms will be equipped with an indoor air purifying system and all elementary students will receive a plexiglass divider/desk shield. We are still under recommendation to be socially distant from one another and to wear face coverings. We will continue to follow the necessary protocols to keep everyone safe, however there may be times where social distancing may be compromised due to space and people. We will be persistent and diligent in ensuring that mask wearing is a priority at all times.

As we anticipate this transition, it is vital that we know exactly how many students plan to return to school for in-person instruction. We will need an accurate number of students who will be changing from their current model to another as soon as possible. You will be receiving further information from your child's principal in the upcoming days in regards to your decision.

We are grateful for the support of the community and we are excited to offer the aforementioned transition to our students. We look forward to the opportunities the next phases of our plan will bring. **Please be on the lookout for an email in the coming days.** If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact your building principal.

Thank you,

Andrew T. Bell, Sr.